

What a day, and what a special lunch. We really appreciate you having us.

I appreciate the Justices of the Supreme Court being here. I want you to know how touched I was that Chief Justice came to administer the oath. That was an incredibly moving part of the ceremony.

I want to thank the members of my Cabinet who are here. I appreciate General Myers, who is here. And I want to thank all my friends from Texas who have come. I'm surprised that some were able to penetrate the security. *[Laughter]* But I appreciate you coming.

I'm really proud of Dick Cheney, my Vice President. He is a fabulous man, a man of sound judgment and great character, and I'm honored to serve with you, Dick.

I want to thank President Carter and Mrs. Carter for coming and President Clinton and Senator Clinton for joining us today. It means a lot that both former Presidents were here. I thank you very much for the—for your presence.

I'm also really happy that another former President is with us; that would be my dad. Thanks for coming—and Mother. *[Laughter]* I appreciate Barbara and Jenna. I love them dearly. I thank them for joining the campaign trail. It was the—like the camping trip I promised to take them on and never did. *[Laughter]*

I want to thank my brothers and sisters. They have meant a lot to me. Their unconditional love is an important part of keeping perspective here in the Nation's Capital.

I am impressed by this Inaugural ceremony. It is a magnificent event. I think any President who has ever been through one is able to step back and say, "What an impressive moment, not in my life but in the life of the country." It reminds us that we serve a cause larger than ourselves. We have one country, one Constitution, and one future that binds us.

As leaders, we have a common duty to achieve results for the people, regardless of our political parties. There's important work to be done, and I look forward to working with Members of both Houses and both parties to achieve that job.

We have a solemn duty to protect our people and to win the war on terror, and we

will. We have other vital duties, and we will strive to achieve results on behalf of the people. I'm eager for the work. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are as well. I'm looking forward to putting my heart and soul into this job for 4 more years. Together, we can make this great Nation of ours a safer place and a freer place and a better place for all our fellow citizens.

May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless our great land.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:19 p.m. in Statuary Hall at the Capitol. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to the President's remarks, Senator Trent Lott, chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, introduced the President and presented him and Vice President Dick Cheney with engraved crystal hurricane lamps and official photos of the Inaugural swearing-in ceremony, and Representative J. Dennis Hastert, committee member, presented them with flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.

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### Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### January 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### January 17

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#### January 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the Homeland Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President participated in separate interviews with the FOX News and Cable News Network television

channels. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session for his January 20 Inaugural Address.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq, the recent Palestinian Presidential election, and other issues.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Renaissance Hotel, where he made remarks at a Republican National Committee reception.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, where he made remarks at the Inaugural Chairman's reception.

#### **January 19**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean and other issues. He also had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Archives and Records Administration, where they toured the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom with Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin and Senior Curator Stacey Bredhoff. During the tour, they examined historical documents including the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, George Washington's handwritten Inaugural address, and the Bible used in the Inaugurations of George Washington and George Bush.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, where he made remarks at the Inaugural Chairman's luncheon.

Later in the afternoon, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted an Inaugural luncheon for family members.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended three candlelight dinners hosted by the Inaugural Committee. They then attended an Inaugural ball.

During the day, the President participated in a speech preparation session.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jeffrey F. Kupfer as Executive Director of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform.

The President announced his recess appointments of Adolfo A. Franco and Roger Noriega as members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his recess appointments of Gregory B. Jaczko and Peter B. Lyons as members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### **January 20**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to St. John's Episcopal Church, where they attended a prayer service.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went by motorcade along the Inaugural parade route to the White House, where they viewed the parade from the reviewing stand.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended several Inaugural balls.

#### **January 21**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to the National Cathedral, where they participated in the National Prayer Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Thomas Schieffer to be Ambassador to Japan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Morrison Combs to be Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the Inauguration of President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine on January 23: Colin L. Powell (head of delegation); John E. Herbst; Paula Dobriansky; Vera M. Andryczyk; Nadia Komarnyckyj McConnell; and Myron Kuropas.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to a special session of the United Nations General Assembly

to be held on January 24 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps: Paul D. Wolfowitz (head of delegation); Anne Patterson; Henry R. Kravis; and Bryce Sandler.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms and flooding beginning on January 1 and continuing.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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***Released January 18***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

***Released January 19***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Excerpts of the President’s Inaugural Address

***Released January 20***

Advance text of the President’s Inaugural Address

***Released January 21***

Statement by the Press Secretary: Recognizing the Death of Jan Nowak-Jezioranski

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Indiana

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.